Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the District Board has not funds to that extent?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That is a different matter. If the District Board is earnest about the bridge, it should try and collect the amount.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—If the District Board pleads inability to find all that amount, how are the Government going to dispose of this question?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We shall decide the question on its merits.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—In case the District Board finds itself unable to contribute the amount, cannot the Government execute the work and help the people?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—I am sorry I can hold out no such assurance.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Then, is the scheme to be abandoned altogether?

Mr. K. V ANANTARAMAN.—If it comes to that, we shall make some suggestions to the District Board in the matter.

Muslim and Non-Muslim Pupils attending various grades of Schools.

Q.—160. **Mr. G. R. AMEER JAN** (Gundlupet *cum* Chamarajnagar *cum* Nanjangud *cum* T. Narsipur *cum* Yelandur, Mahomedan—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of boys attending Urdu and Kannada Primary and Middle Schools and comparative strength of Muslim and Non-Muslim students in the High Schools of the State?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—

Information is furnished below.—

		No. of boys.
Primary Schools—		
Kannada	...	1,78,474
Urdu	...	20,121
Middle Schools—		
Kannada	...	42,348
Urdu		3,092
High Schools—		
Muslims	...	904
Non-Muslims	...	11,246

Levy of Meter Hire by the Electrical Department.

Q.—163. **Mr. M. N. JOIS** (Mysore City—Urban).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of meter hire collected in the Electrical Department for the past five years;

(*b*) the price paid by the department for the meters installed in these years and their number?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) and (*b*).—The total number of meters in service and the total meter-hire collected each year were—

Year	No. of meters in service at the end of the year	Total cost	Meter hire collected
		Rs.	Rs.
1936-37	32,916	4,00,597	36,588
1937-38	35,730	4,34,144	41,153
1938-39	39,420	4,80,609	44,633
1939-40	42,523	5,21,466	49,045
1940-41	45,263	5,58,499	51,236

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—Of the total number of meters which are in service, may I know how many relate to new installations and how many to old installations?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—Does the total cost given in the answer include establishment charges also?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—What is the actual cost per meter?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—The department has purchased a number of meters and knows what price has been paid for them. So, the information I want is the price paid for those meters which are in actual service, more than what has been paid for all the meters together, some of which may be merely lying in the Stores.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The member's attention is invited to the question relating to the total number of meters in service and the total cost paid therefor.